

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Oleg Shikhman	)
		) Group Art Unit: 3731
Serial No.:	10/726,031	)
		) Examiner: Kathleen C. Sonnett
Filed:	December 1, 2003	)
		) Confirmation No: 4709
For:	SUTURE LOADING ASSEMBLY	)
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Attn: Refund Section, Accounting Division, Office of Finance**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.28(b), Applicant respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$780.00 for overpayment of filing fees for a small entity. Applicant electronically filed an Appeal Brief and a Three-month Extension of Time on September 8, 2008, for which the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) erroneously charged Deposit Account No. 06-1130 in the amount of \$1,560.00 for large entity filing fees. Applicant should have been charged the filing fees for a small entity in the amount of \$780.00. A copy of the Deposit Account Statement showing that Applicant paid the USPTO the large entity status amount of \$1,560.00 is attached hereto.

As grounds, therefore, Applicant includes herewith an Assertion of Small Entity Status.  
Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a refund in amount of \$780.00 be credited to Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,

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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I hereby assert that the Assignee, Interventional Therapies, is a small entity and is entitled to small entity status.

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